

JOHN R. BACHOFNER

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Services: Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights,
Business, Insurance Coverage and Defense,
Litigation

Industries: Financial Services, Insurance



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OVERVIEW

An experienced trial lawyer, John represents businesses, insurers, creditors, and individuals in a wide variety of civil matters, including coverage litigation, personal injury defense, business disputes, and bankruptcy. Having drafted and revised policy forms for several insurers, he is a trusted adviser and preferred counsel for many insurance clients as well as other lawyers. He is panel counsel for the Oregon Professional Liability Fund, representing other lawyers against whom claims have been asserted, and serves as the firm's ethics and loss prevention advisor. His fair and balanced approach to litigation has resulted in him frequently serving as an arbitrator, mediator, or expert in civil matters.

Over his three decades of practicing law, John has become familiar with the unique challenges faced by large corporations and insurers, as well as small businesses. His work has ranged from representing companies before local regulatory agencies to interpreting complex contracts and insurance policies, to providing day-to-day advice on business or creditors' rights matters.

A former elected member of the OSB Board of Governors, John's reputation and experience over the last 33 years has resulted in him receiving a Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® rating, the organization's highest rating; listing in The Best Lawyers in America®, Litigation – Insurance; and listing in Washington Super Lawyers, Creditor-Debtor Rights. He is a past chair of the Oregon State Bar's Litigation Section, past chair of Jordan Ramis PC's Litigation Group, and current chair of the firm's Insurance Coverage and Defense Group. He has represented individuals and organizations in a variety of state and federal courts, arbitration forums, and agency hearings, as well as in a variety of transactions. Having taken or defended hundreds of depositions, he is frequently involved as an expert or arbitrator in binding arbitration of matters. Since 1996, he has first-chaired many jury trials to verdict that lasted from one day to as long as two weeks.

As a recognized leader in insurance and litigation issues, John frequently speaks at seminars, client- and bar-sponsored events with respect to creditors' rights, insurance coverage, business, and litigation matters.

When not practicing law, John enjoys an eclectic variety of hobbies, from singing and acting, to camping, Ham radio, swimming, teaching, and scuba diving. An avid scuba diver since 1982, John is a licensed scuba instructor for PADI and NAUI. John combines his passion for the law with his passion for diving by representing local dive shop owners and other diving-related professionals, providing advice and guidance to the diving profession in

business transactions, regulatory work, business advice, and litigation.

EDUCATION

- B.A., Pacific Lutheran University, 1985
- J.D., cum laude, University of Puget Sound School of Law, 1988

ADMISSIONS

- State of Oregon
- State of Washington
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington

MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

- Oregon Casualty Adjusters Association
- Oregon Association of Defense Counsel (1992–Present); Board of Directors (2012–2014); Chair Practice Management Group (2021–Present)
- Oregon State Bar: Board of Governors, Out-of-State Region Member (2016–2019)
 - Procedure and Practice Committee (2013–2015)
 - House of Delegates, Delegate (2000–2015) Out-of-State Delegate (2020–Present (three-year term))
 - Task Force on International Trade in Legal Services (2013)
 - Litigation Section Executive Committee (2010–2019), Chair (2016)
 - Law-Related Education Committee, Past Chair
 - New Lawyer's Division Law-Related Education Committee (1993–1995)
 - Public Service and Information Committee (1993–1996)
- Washington State Bar Association, Taskforce on Mandatory Malpractice Insurance (2018–2020)
- Washington Scuba Alliance, Board of Directors (2010–Present)
- Camas-Washougal Chamber of Commerce (2004–Present); Board of Directors (2012–2014)
- Oregon Council on Court Procedures (2009–2017), Chair-Elect (2015–2016), Chair (2016–2017)
- Oregon Law Commission, Auto Insurance Legislation Workgroup, Appointee (2003–2007)
- Defense Research Institute
- Multnomah Bar Association
- Clark County Bar Association
- Washington Defense Trial Lawyers

AWARDS AND HONORS

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Litigation – Insurance, 2018–2022
- Oregon State Bar, President's Public Service Award, 1994
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® Attorney
- Martindale-Hubbell® Top-Rated Lawyer in "Insurance Law," 2013